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IN RE: S.S.N. 09/458,998)

FILED: December 10, 1999)

TITLE: EIA FOR MONITORING)
LEGIONELLA)
PNEUMOPHILA)
PRESENCE IN WATER)
SAMPLES)

GROUP ART UNIT: 1643

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED AUGUST 1, 2001**

With this response, a request for continuing examination, with requisite fee, is being filed. It is therefore requested that the new claims made of record herein be addressed *de novo* instead of in the limited way that claims filed after final rejection are usually examined.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 1-9 and insert in lieu thereof the following new claims 10-35:

10 A method of determining the concentration of at least one species, or serogroup of a species, of *Legionella* bacteria, in water suspected of being infected [therewith], which method is sufficiently sensitive to detect said bacteria in concentrations as low as from 5 to 50

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